

Voluntary Petition

Voluntary Petition (This page must be completed and filed in every case)		Document Page 2 of 24 Soto, Francisco Soto, Consuelo		FORM B1, Page 2	
Prior Bankruptcy Case Filed Within Last 6 Years (If more than one, attach additional sheet)					
Location Where Filed: - None -		Case Number:		Date Filed:	
Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner, or Affiliate of this Debtor (If more than one, attach additional sheet)					
Name of Debtor: - None -		Case Number:		Date Filed:	
District:		Relationship:		Judge:	
Signatures					
Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint) I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct. [If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7. I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.			Exhibit A (To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11) <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.		
Signature of Attorney X <u>/s/ Francisco Soto</u> Signature of Debtor Francisco Soto X <u>/s/ Consuelo Soto</u> Signature of Joint Debtor Consuelo Soto Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney) <u>April 7, 2005</u> Date			Exhibit B (To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts) I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter. X <u>/s/ Arnold Kaplan 6190143</u> <u>April 7, 2005</u> Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) Date Arnold Kaplan 6190143		
Signature of Attorney X <u>/s/ Arnold Kaplan 6190143</u> Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) Arnold Kaplan 6190143 Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s) Law Offices of Arnold Kaplan, Ltd Firm Name 140 South Dearborn Suite 1610 Chicago, IL 60603 Address Email: akaplan1616@aol.com 312-443-1667 Fax: 312-443-1665 Telephone Number April 7, 2005 Date			Exhibit C Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership) I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor. The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.			Signature of Non-Attorney Petition Preparer I certify that I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110, that I prepared this document for compensation, and that I have provided the debtor with a copy of this document. Printed Name of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer Social Security Number (Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110(c).) Address Names and Social Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document: If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.		
X _____ Signature of Authorized Individual Printed Name of Authorized Individual Title of Authorized Individual Date			X _____ Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer Date A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both. 11 U.S.C. § 110; 18 U.S.C. § 156.		

United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois

In re **Francisco Soto,
 Consuelo Soto**

Debtors

Case No. _____

Chapter **13**

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULES

Indicate as to each schedule whether that schedule is attached and state the number of pages in each. Report the totals from Schedules A, B, D, E, F, I, and J in the boxes provided. Add the amounts from Schedules A and B to determine the total amount of the debtor's assets. Add the amounts from Schedules D, E, and F to determine the total amount of the debtor's liabilities.

			AMOUNTS SCHEDULED		
NAME OF SCHEDULE	ATTACHED (YES/NO)	NO. OF SHEETS	ASSETS	LIABILITIES	OTHER
A - Real Property	Yes	1	200,000.00		
B - Personal Property	Yes	3	10,650.00		
C - Property Claimed as Exempt	Yes	1			
D - Creditors Holding Secured Claims	Yes	1		141,000.00	
E - Creditors Holding Unsecured Priority Claims	Yes	1		0.00	
F - Creditors Holding Unsecured Nonpriority Claims	Yes	1		6,238.00	
G - Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases	Yes	1			
H - Codebtors	Yes	1			
I - Current Income of Individual Debtor(s)	Yes	1			0.00
J - Current Expenditures of Individual Debtor(s)	Yes	1			2,153.00
Total Number of Sheets of ALL Schedules		12			
Total Assets			210,650.00		
Total Liabilities				147,238.00	

In re **Francisco Soto,
Consuelo Soto**

Case No. _____

Debtors

SCHEDULE A. REAL PROPERTY

Except as directed below, list all real property in which the debtor has any legal, equitable, or future interest, including all property owned as a cotenant, community property, or in which the debtor has a life estate. Include any property in which the debtor holds rights and powers exercisable for the debtor's own benefit. If the debtor is married, state whether husband, wife, or both own the property by placing an "H," "W," "J," or "C" in the column labeled "Husband, Wife, Joint, or Community." If the debtor holds no interest in real property, write "None" under "Description and Location of Property."

Do not include interests in executory contracts and unexpired leases on this schedule. List them in Schedule G - Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases.

If an entity claims to have a lien or hold a secured interest in any property, state the amount of the secured claim. (See Schedule D.) If no entity claims to hold a secured interest in the property, write "None" in the column labeled "Amount of Secured Claim."

If the debtor is an individual or if a joint petition is filed, state the amount of any exemption claimed in the property only in Schedule C - Property Claimed as Exempt.

Description and Location of Property	Nature of Debtor's Interest in Property	Husband, Wife, Joint, or Community	Current Market Value of Debtor's Interest in Property, without Deducting any Secured Claim or Exemption	Amount of Secured Claim
2846 W. 39th Place, Chicago, IL 60632	Fee Simple	J	200,000.00	141,000.00

Sub-Total > **200,000.00** (Total of this page)

Total > **200,000.00**

(Report also on Summary of Schedules)

0 continuation sheets attached to the Schedule of Real Property

In re **Francisco Soto,
Consuelo Soto**

Case No. _____

Debtors

SCHEDULE B. PERSONAL PROPERTY

Except as directed below, list all personal property of the debtor of whatever kind. If the debtor has no property in one or more of the categories, place an "x" in the appropriate position in the column labeled "None." If additional space is needed in any category, attach a separate sheet properly identified with the case name, case number, and the number of the category. If the debtor is married, state whether husband, wife, or both own the property by placing an "H," "W," "J," or "C" in the column labeled "Husband, Wife, Joint, or Community." If the debtor is an individual or a joint petition is filed, state the amount of any exemptions claimed only in Schedule C - Property Claimed as Exempt.

Do not list interests in executory contracts and unexpired leases on this schedule. List them in Schedule G - Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases.

If the property is being held for the debtor by someone else, state that person's name and address under "Description and Location of Property."

Type of Property	N O N E	Description and Location of Property	Husband, Wife, Joint, or Community	Current Market Value of Debtor's Interest in Property, without Deducting any Secured Claim or Exemption
1. Cash on hand	X			
2. Checking, savings or other financial accounts, certificates of deposit, or shares in banks, savings and loan, thrift, building and loan, and homestead associations, or credit unions, brokerage houses, or cooperatives.	X			
3. Security deposits with public utilities, telephone companies, landlords, and others.	X			
4. Household goods and furnishings, including audio, video, and computer equipment.		Kitchen appliances, Living Room, Dining Room, Television, bedroom sets,	J	2,000.00
5. Books, pictures and other art objects, antiques, stamp, coin, record, tape, compact disc, and other collections or collectibles.	X			
6. Wearing apparel.		necessary wearing apparel for husband wife and kids	J	400.00
7. Furs and jewelry.	X			
8. Firearms and sports, photographic, and other hobby equipment.	X			
9. Interests in insurance policies. Name insurance company of each policy and itemize surrender or refund value of each.	X			

Sub-Total > **2,400.00**
(Total of this page)

2 continuation sheets attached to the Schedule of Personal Property

In re **Francisco Soto,
Consuelo Soto**

Case No. _____

Debtors

SCHEDULE B. PERSONAL PROPERTY
(Continuation Sheet)

Type of Property	N O N E	Description and Location of Property	Husband, Wife, Joint, or Community	Current Market Value of Debtor's Interest in Property, without Deducting any Secured Claim or Exemption
10. Annuities. Itemize and name each issuer.	X			
11. Interests in IRA, ERISA, Keogh, or other pension or profit sharing plans. Itemize.	X			
12. Stock and interests in incorporated and unincorporated businesses. Itemize.	X			
13. Interests in partnerships or joint ventures. Itemize.	X			
14. Government and corporate bonds and other negotiable and nonnegotiable instruments.	X			
15. Accounts receivable.	X			
16. Alimony, maintenance, support, and property settlements to which the debtor is or may be entitled. Give particulars.	X			
17. Other liquidated debts owing debtor including tax refunds. Give particulars.		2004 Tax return	J	4,000.00
18. Equitable or future interests, life estates, and rights or powers exercisable for the benefit of the debtor other than those listed in Schedule of Real Property.	X			
19. Contingent and noncontingent interests in estate of a decedent, death benefit plan, life insurance policy, or trust.	X			

Sub-Total > **4,000.00**
(Total of this page)

Sheet 1 of 2 continuation sheets attached
to the Schedule of Personal Property

In re **Francisco Soto,
Consuelo Soto**

Case No. _____

Debtors

SCHEDULE B. PERSONAL PROPERTY
(Continuation Sheet)

Type of Property	N O N E	Description and Location of Property	Husband, Wife, Joint, or Community	Current Market Value of Debtor's Interest in Property, without Deducting any Secured Claim or Exemption
20. Other contingent and unliquidated claims of every nature, including tax refunds, counterclaims of the debtor, and rights to setoff claims. Give estimated value of each.	X			
21. Patents, copyrights, and other intellectual property. Give particulars.	X			
22. Licenses, franchises, and other general intangibles. Give particulars.	X			
23. Automobiles, trucks, trailers, and other vehicles and accessories.		2000, Dodge Caravan 73,000 (miles)	J	4,000.00
24. Boats, motors, and accessories.	X			
25. Aircraft and accessories.	X			
26. Office equipment, furnishings, and supplies.		Computer	J	250.00
27. Machinery, fixtures, equipment, and supplies used in business.	X			
28. Inventory.	X			
29. Animals.	X			
30. Crops - growing or harvested. Give particulars.	X			
31. Farming equipment and implements.	X			
32. Farm supplies, chemicals, and feed.	X			
33. Other personal property of any kind not already listed.	X			

Sub-Total > **4,250.00**
(Total of this page)
Total > **10,650.00**

Sheet 2 of 2 continuation sheets attached to the Schedule of Personal Property

(Report also on Summary of Schedules)

In re **Francisco Soto,
Consuelo Soto**

Case No. _____

Debtors

SCHEDULE C. PROPERTY CLAIMED AS EXEMPT

Debtor elects the exemptions to which debtor is entitled under:

[Check one box]

- ☐ 11 U.S.C. §522(b)(1): Exemptions provided in 11 U.S.C. §522(d). Note: These exemptions are available only in certain states.
- ☒ 11 U.S.C. §522(b)(2): Exemptions available under applicable nonbankruptcy federal laws, state or local law where the debtor's domicile has been located for the 180 days immediately preceding the filing of the petition, or for a longer portion of the 180-day period than in any other place, and the debtor's interest as a tenant by the entirety or joint tenant to the extent the interest is exempt from process under applicable nonbankruptcy law.

Description of Property	Specify Law Providing Each Exemption	Value of Claimed Exemption	Current Market Value of Property Without Deducting Exemption
<u>Real Property</u>			
2846 W. 39th Place, Chicago, IL 60632	735 ILCS 5/12-901	15,000.00	200,000.00
<u>Household Goods and Furnishings</u>			
Kitchen appliances, Living Room, Dining Room, Television, bedroom sets,	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)	2,000.00	2,000.00
<u>Wearing Apparel</u>			
necessary wearing apparel for husband wife and kids	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(a)	400.00	400.00
<u>Other Liquidated Debts Owning Debtor Including Tax Refund</u>			
2004 Tax return	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)	1,750.00	4,000.00
<u>Automobiles, Trucks, Trailers, and Other Vehicles</u>			
2000, Dodge Caravan 73,000 (miles)	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(c)	1,200.00	4,000.00
<u>Office Equipment, Furnishings and Supplies</u>			
Computer	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)	250.00	250.00

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(12/03)

In re **Francisco Soto,
Consuelo Soto**

Case No. _____

Debtors

SCHEDULE D. CREDITORS HOLDING SECURED CLAIMS

State the name, mailing address, including zip code and last four digits of any account number of all entities holding claims secured by property of the debtor as of the date of filing of the petition. The complete account number of any account the debtor has with the creditor is useful to the trustee and the creditor and may be provided if the debtor chooses to do so. List creditors holding all types of secured interests such as judgment liens, garnishments, statutory liens, mortgages, deeds of trust, and other security interests. List creditors in alphabetical order to the extent practicable. If all secured creditors will not fit on this page, use the continuation sheet provided.

If any entity other than a spouse in a joint case may be jointly liable on a claim, place an "X" in the column labeled "Codebtor", include the entity on the appropriate schedule of creditors, and complete Schedule H - Codebtors. If a joint petition is filed, state whether husband, wife, both of them, or the marital community may be liable on each claim by placing an "H", "W", "J", or "C" in the column labeled "Husband, Wife, Joint, or Community."

If the claim is contingent, place an "X" in the column labeled "Contingent". If the claim is unliquidated, place an "X" in the column labeled "Unliquidated". If the claim is disputed, place an "X" in the column labeled "Disputed". (You may need to place an "X" in more than one of these three columns.)

Report the total of all claims listed on this schedule in the box labeled "Total" on the last sheet of the completed schedule. Report this total also on the Summary of Schedules.

☐ Check this box if debtor has no creditors holding secured claims to report on this Schedule D.

CREDITOR'S NAME, AND MAILING ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE, AND ACCOUNT NUMBER (See instructions above.)	C O D E B T O R	H W J C	Husband, Wife, Joint, or Community	C O N T I N G E N T	U N L I Q U I D A T E D	D I S P U T E D	AMOUNT OF CLAIM WITHOUT DEDUCTING VALUE OF COLLATERAL	UNSECURED PORTION IF ANY
			DATE CLAIM WAS INCURRED, NATURE OF LIEN, AND DESCRIPTION AND MARKET VALUE OF PROPERTY SUBJECT TO LIEN					
Account No. 0007832940			Mortgage					
ABN-Amro Mortgage c/o Shapiro & Kreisman 4201 Lake Cook Rd Northbrook, IL 60062		J	2846 W. 39th Place, Chicago, IL 60632					
			Value \$ 200,000.00				141,000.00	0.00
Account No.								
			Value \$					
Account No.								
			Value \$					
Account No.								
			Value \$					

0 continuation sheets attached

Subtotal
(Total of this page)

141,000.00

Total
(Report on Summary of Schedules)

141,000.00

In re **Francisco Soto,
Consuelo Soto**

Case No. _____

Debtors

SCHEDULE E. CREDITORS HOLDING UNSECURED PRIORITY CLAIMS

A complete list of claims entitled to priority, listed separately by type of priority, is to be set forth on the sheets provided. Only holders of unsecured claims entitled to priority should be listed in this schedule. In the boxes provided on the attached sheets, state the name, mailing address, including zip code, and last four digits of the account number, if any, of all entities holding priority claims against the debtor or the property of the debtor, as of the date of the filing of the petition. The complete account number of any account the debtor has with the creditor is useful to the trustee and the creditor and may be provided if the debtor chooses to do so.

If any entity other than a spouse in a joint case may be jointly liable on a claim, place an "X" in the column labeled "Codebtor", include the entity on the appropriate schedule of creditors, and complete Schedule H-Codebtors. If a joint petition is filed, state whether husband, wife, both of them or the marital community may be liable on each claim by placing an "H", "W", "J", or "C" in the column labeled "Husband, Wife, Joint, or Community".

If the claim is contingent, place an "X" in the column labeled "Contingent". If the claim is unliquidated, place an "X" in the column labeled "Unliquidated". If the claim is disputed, place an "X" in the column labeled "Disputed". (You may need to place an "X" in more than one of these three columns.)

Report the total of claims listed on each sheet in the box labeled "Subtotal" on each sheet. Report the total of all claims listed on this Schedule E in the box labeled "Total" on the last sheet of the completed schedule. Repeat this total also on the Summary of Schedules.

☒ Check this box if debtor has no creditors holding unsecured priority claims to report on this Schedule E.

TYPES OF PRIORITY CLAIMS (Check the appropriate box(es) below if claims in that category are listed on the attached sheets.)

☐ **Extensions of credit in an involuntary case**

Claims arising in the ordinary course of the debtor's business or financial affairs after the commencement of the case but before the earlier of the appointment of a trustee or the order for relief. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(2).

☐ **Wages, salaries, and commissions**

Wages, salaries, and commissions, including vacation, severance, and sick leave pay owing to employees and commissions owing to qualifying independent sales representatives up to \$4,925* per person earned within 90 days immediately preceding the filing of the original petition, or the cessation of business, whichever occurred first, to the extent provided in 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a)(3).

☐ **Contributions to employee benefit plans**

Money owed to employee benefit plans for services rendered within 180 days immediately preceding the filing of the original petition, or the cessation of business, whichever occurred first, to the extent provided in 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4).

☐ **Certain farmers and fishermen**

Claims of certain farmers and fishermen, up to \$4,925* per farmer or fisherman, against the debtor, as provided in 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(5).

☐ **Deposits by individuals**

Claims of individuals up to \$2,225* for deposits for the purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use, that were not delivered or provided. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(6).

☐ **Alimony, Maintenance, or Support**

Claims of a spouse, former spouse, or child of the debtor for alimony, maintenance, or support, to the extent provided in 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7).

☐ **Taxes and Certain Other Debts Owed to Governmental Units**

Taxes, customs duties, and penalties owing to federal, state, and local governmental units as set forth in 11 U.S.C § 507(a)(8).

☐ **Commitments to Maintain the Capital of an Insured Depository Institution**

Claims based on commitments to the FDIC, RTC, Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, Comptroller of the Currency, or Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or their predecessors or successors, to maintain the capital of an insured depository institution. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(9).

*Amounts are subject to adjustment on April 1, 2007, and every three years thereafter with respect to cases commenced on or after the date of adjustment.

0 continuation sheets attached

Form B6F
(12/03)

In re **Francisco Soto,
Consuelo Soto**

Case No. _____

Debtors

SCHEDULE F. CREDITORS HOLDING UNSECURED NONPRIORITY CLAIMS

State the name, mailing address, including zip code, and last four digits of any account number, of all entities holding unsecured claims without priority against the debtor or the property of the debtor, as of the date of filing of the petition. The complete account number of any account the debtor has with the creditor is useful to the trustee and the creditor and may be provided if the debtor chooses to do so. Do not include claims listed in Schedules D and E. If all creditors will not fit on this page, use the continuation sheet provided.

If any entity other than a spouse in a joint case may be jointly liable on a claim, place an "X" in the column labeled "Codebtor", include the entity on the appropriate schedule of creditors, and complete Schedule H - Codebtors. If a joint petition is filed, state whether husband, wife, both of them, or the marital community maybe liable on each claim by placing an "H", "W", "J", or "C" in the column labeled "Husband, Wife, Joint, or Community".

If the claim is contingent, place an "X" in the column labeled "Contingent". If the claim is unliquidated, place an "X" in the column labeled "Unliquidated". If the claim is disputed, place an "X" in the column labeled "Disputed". (You may need to place an "X" in more than one of these three columns.)

Report the total of all claims listed on this schedule in the box labeled "Total" on the last sheet of the completed schedule. Report this total also on the Summary of Schedules.

☐ Check this box if debtor has no creditors holding unsecured claims to report on this Schedule F.

CREDITOR'S NAME, AND MAILING ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE, AND ACCOUNT NUMBER (See instructions above.)	C O D E B T O R	Husband, Wife, Joint, or Community	C O N T I N G E N T	U N L I Q U I D A T E D	D I S P U T E D	AMOUNT OF CLAIM
		H W J C				
Account No. 7001191104756623 Best Buy - HSBC PO Box 6985 Bridgewater, NJ 08807		J	2002 credit			800.00
Account No. 5424-1804-8984-6144 Citibank PO Box 6615 The Lakes, NV 88901-6615		J	2002 credit card			4,979.00
Account No. 50219387880 Spiegel FCNB Processing Center 9310 SW Gemini Drive Beaverton, OR 97078-0001		W	2002 credit			459.00
Account No. 4388-5260-1028-4980 United Mileage Plus First USA Bank		W	2002 credit card (collection)			0.00
Subtotal (Total of this page)						6,238.00
Total (Report on Summary of Schedules)						6,238.00

0 continuation sheets attached

In re **Francisco Soto,
Consuelo Soto**

Case No. _____

Debtors

SCHEDULE G. EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES

Describe all executory contracts of any nature and all unexpired leases of real or personal property. Include any timeshare interests. State nature of debtor's interest in contract, i.e., "Purchaser," "Agent," etc. State whether debtor is the lessor or lessee of a lease. Provide the names and complete mailing addresses of all other parties to each lease or contract described.

NOTE: A party listed on this schedule will not receive notice of the filing of this case unless the party is also scheduled in the appropriate schedule of creditors.

☐ Check this box if debtor has no executory contracts or unexpired leases.

Name and Mailing Address, Including Zip Code,
of Other Parties to Lease or Contract

Description of Contract or Lease and Nature of Debtor's Interest.
State whether lease is for nonresidential real property.
State contract number of any government contract.

In re **Francisco Soto,
Consuelo Soto**

Case No. _____

Debtors

SCHEDULE H. CODEBTORS

Provide the information requested concerning any person or entity, other than a spouse in a joint case, that is also liable on any debts listed by debtor in the schedules of creditors. Include all guarantors and co-signers. In community property states, a married debtor not filing a joint case should report the name and address of the nondebtor spouse on this schedule. Include all names used by the nondebtor spouse during the six years immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

☐ Check this box if debtor has no codebtors.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CODEBTOR

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR

0 continuation sheets attached to Schedule of Codebtors

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois**

In re	<u>Francisco Soto</u> <u>Consuelo Soto</u>	Case No.	_____
	Debtor(s)	Chapter	<u>13</u>

DECLARATION CONCERNING DEBTOR'S SCHEDULES

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY BY INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing summary and schedules, consisting of 13 sheets *[total shown on summary page plus 1]*, and that they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Date	<u>April 7, 2005</u>	Signature	<u>/s/ Francisco Soto</u> Francisco Soto Debtor
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Date	<u>April 7, 2005</u>	Signature	<u>/s/ Consuelo Soto</u> Consuelo Soto Joint Debtor
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Penalty for making a false statement or concealing property: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years or both.
18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.

United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois

In re **Francisco Soto**
Consuelo Soto

Debtor(s)

Case No.

Chapter

13

DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR(S)

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Bankruptcy Rule 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above-named debtor and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:

For legal services, I have agreed to accept.....	\$	<u>2,200.00</u>
Prior to the filing of this statement I have received.....	\$	<u>2,200.00</u>
Balance Due.....	\$	<u>0.00</u>

2. \$ **194.00** of the filing fee has been paid.

3. The source of the compensation paid to me was:

☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):

4. The source of compensation to be paid to me is:

☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):

5. ☒ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.

☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation is attached.

6. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:
- Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
 - Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs and plan which may be required;
 - Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
 - [Other provisions as needed]

Negotiations with secured creditors to reduce to market value; exemption planning; preparation and filing of reaffirmation agreements and applications as needed; preparation and filing of motions pursuant to 11 USC 522(f)(2)(A) for avoidance of liens on household goods.

7. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following service:

Representation of the debtors in any dischargeability actions, judicial lien avoidances, relief from stay actions or any other adversary proceeding.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding.

Dated: **April 7, 2005**

/s/ Arnold Kaplan 6190143

Arnold Kaplan 6190143

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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN
CHAPTER 13 DEBTORS AND THEIR ATTORNEYS
(Model Retention Agreement)**

Chapter 13 gives debtors important rights, such as the right to keep property that could otherwise be lost through repossession or foreclosure—but Chapter 13 also puts burdens on debtors, such as the burden of making complete and truthful disclosures of their financial situation. It is important for debtors who file a Chapter 13 bankruptcy case to understand their rights and responsibilities in bankruptcy. In this connection, the advice of an attorney is often crucial. Debtors are entitled to expect certain services to be performed by their attorneys, but again, debtors have responsibilities to their attorneys also. In order to assure that debtors and their attorneys understand their rights and responsibilities in the Chapter 13 process, the judges of the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois have approved the following agreement, setting out the rights and responsibilities of both debtors in Chapter 13 and their attorneys. By signing this agreement, debtors and their attorneys accept these responsibilities.

BEFORE THE CASE IS FILED

THE DEBTOR AGREES TO:

1. Discuss with the attorney the debtor's objectives in filing the case.
2. Provide the attorney with full, accurate and timely information, financial and otherwise, including properly documented proof of income.

THE ATTORNEY AGREES TO:

1. Personally counsel the debtor regarding the advisability of filing either a Chapter 13 or a Chapter 7 case, discuss both procedures (as well as non-bankruptcy options) with the debtor, and answer the debtor's questions.
2. Personally explain to the debtor that the attorney is being engaged to represent the debtor on all matters arising in the case, as required by Local Bankruptcy rule and explain how and when the attorney's fees and the trustee's fees are determined and paid.
3. Personally review with the debtor and sign the completed petition, plan, statements, and schedules, as well as all amendments thereto, whether filed with the petition or later. (The schedules may be initially prepared with the help of clerical or paralegal staff of the attorney's office, but personal attention of the attorney is required for the review and signing.)

4. Timely prepare and file the debtor's petition, plan, statements, and schedules.
5. Explain to the debtor how, when, and where to make all necessary payments, including both payments that must be made directly to creditors and payments that must be made to the Chapter 13 trustee, with particular attention to housing and vehicle payments.
6. Advise the debtor of the need to maintain appropriate insurance.

AFTER THE CASE IS FILED

THE DEBTOR AGREES TO:

1. Make the required payments to the trustee and to whatever creditors are being paid directly, or, if required payments cannot be made, to notify the attorney immediately.
2. Appear punctually at the meeting of creditors (also called the "341 meeting") with recent proof of income and a picture identification card. (If the identification card does not include the debtor's social security number, the debtor will also bring to the meeting a social security card.) The debtor must be present in time for check-in and when the case is called for the actual examination.
3. Notify the attorney of any change in the debtor's address or telephone number.
4. Inform the attorney of any wage garnishments or liens or levies on assets that occur or continue after the filing of the case.
5. Contact the attorney immediately if the debtor loses employment, has a significant change in income, or experiences any other significant change in financial situation (such as serious illness, lottery winnings, or an inheritance).
6. Notify the attorney if the debtor is sued or wishes to file a lawsuit (including divorce).
7. Inform the attorney if any tax refunds to which the debtor is entitled are seized or not received when due from the IRS or Illinois Department of Revenue.
8. Contact the attorney before buying, refinancing, or selling real property, and before entering into any loan agreement.

THE ATTORNEY AGREES TO:

1. Advise the debtor of the requirement to attend the meeting of creditors, and notify the debtor of the date, time, and place of the meeting.
2. Inform the debtor that the debtor must be punctual and, in the case of a joint filing, that both spouses must appear at the same meeting.

3. Provide knowledgeable legal representation for the debtor at the meeting of creditors (in time for check-in and the actual examination) and, unless excused by the trustee, for the confirmation hearing.
4. If the attorney will be employing another attorney to attend the 341 meeting or any court hearing, personally explain to the debtor in advance, the role and identity of the other attorney and provide the other attorney with the file in sufficient time to review it and properly represent the debtor.
5. Timely submit to the Chapter 13 trustee properly documented proof of income for the debtor, including business reports for self-employed debtors.
6. Timely respond to objections to plan confirmation and, where necessary, prepare, file, and serve an amended plan.
7. Timely prepare, file, and serve any necessary amended statements and schedules and any change of address, in accordance with information provided by the debtor.
8. Monitor all incoming case information (including, but not limited to, Order Confirming Plan, Notice of Intent to Pay Claims, and 6-month status reports) for accuracy and completeness. Contact the trustee promptly regarding any discrepancies.
9. Be available to respond to the debtor's questions throughout the term of the plan.
10. Prepare, file, and serve timely modifications to the plan after confirmation, when necessary, including modifications to suspend, lower, or increase plan payments.
11. Prepare, file, and serve necessary motions to buy or sell property and to incur debt.
12. Object to improper or invalid claims.
13. Timely respond to the Chapter 13 trustee's motions to dismiss the case, such as for payment default, or unfeasibility, and to motions to increase the percentage payment to unsecured creditors.
14. Timely respond to motions for relief from stay.
15. Prepare, file, and serve all appropriate motions to avoid liens.
16. Provide any other legal services necessary for the administration of the case before the bankruptcy court.

ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF ATTORNEYS' FEES *[Check one option.]*

☒ Option A: flat fee through confirmation

1a. *Pre-confirmation services.* Any attorney retained to represent a debtor in a Chapter 13 case is responsible for representing the debtor on all matters arising in the case, unless otherwise ordered by the court. For all of the services outlined above, required to be provided before confirmation of a plan, the attorney will be paid a fee of \$ 2,200.00. In extraordinary circumstances, such as extended evidentiary hearings or appeals, the attorney may apply to the court for additional compensation for pre-confirmation services. Any such application must be accompanied by an itemization of the services rendered, showing the date, the time expended, and the identity of the attorney performing the services. The debtor must be served with a copy of the application and notified of the right to appear in court to object.

1b. *Post-confirmation services.* Compensation for services required after confirmation will be in such amounts as are allowed by the court, on application accompanied by an itemization of the services rendered, showing the date, time, and the identity of the attorney performing the services. The debtor must be served with a copy of the application and notified that the debtor may appear in court to object.

2. *Early termination of the case.* Fees payable under the provisions set out above are not refundable in the event that the case is dismissed before confirmation (Option A) or completion of plan payments (Option B), unless the dismissal is due to a failure by the attorney to comply with the duties set out in this agreement. If a dismissal is due to such a failure by the attorney, the court may order a refund of fees on motion by the debtor.

3. *Retainers.* The attorney may receive a retainer or other payment before filing the case, but may not receive fees directly from the debtor after the filing of the case. In any application for fees, whether or not requiring an itemization, the attorney shall disclose to the court any fees paid by the debtor prior to the case filing.

☐ Option B: flat fee through case closing

1. Any attorney retained to represent a debtor in a Chapter 13 case is responsible for representing the debtor on all matters arising in the case unless otherwise ordered by the court. For all of the services outlined above, the attorney will be paid a fee of \$ N/A. In extraordinary circumstances, such as extended evidentiary hearings or appeals, the attorney may apply to the court for additional compensation for these services. Any such application must be accompanied by an itemization of the services rendered, showing the date, the time expended, and the identity of the attorney performing the services. The debtor must be served with a copy of the application and notified of the right to appear in court to object.

4. *Improper conduct by the attorney.* If the debtor disputes the sufficiency or quality of the legal services provided or the amount of the fees charged by the attorney, the debtor may file an objection with the court and request a hearing.

5. *Improper conduct by the debtor.* If the attorney believes that the debtor is not complying with the debtor's responsibilities under this agreement or is otherwise not engaging in proper conduct, the attorney may apply for a court order allowing the attorney to withdraw from the case.

6. *Discharge of the attorney.* The debtor may discharge the attorney at any time.

Date:

April 7, 2005

Total fee to be paid for attorney's

services: \$ 2,200.00

(Do not sign if this line is blank.)

Signed:

/s/ Francisco Soto

Francisco Soto

/s/ Consuelo Soto

Consuelo Soto

Debtor(s)

/s/ Arnold Kaplan 6190143

Arnold Kaplan 6190143

Attorney for Debtor(s)

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
NOTICE TO INDIVIDUAL CONSUMER DEBTOR

The purpose of this notice is to acquaint you with the four chapters of the federal Bankruptcy Code under which you may file a bankruptcy petition. The bankruptcy law is complicated and not easily described. Therefore, you should seek the advice of an attorney to learn of your rights and responsibilities under the law should you decide to file a petition with the court. Court employees are prohibited from giving you legal advice.

Chapter 7: Liquidation (\$155 filing fee plus \$39 administrative fee plus \$15 trustee surcharge)

1. Chapter 7 is designed for debtors in financial difficulty who do not have the ability to pay their existing debts.
2. Under chapter 7 a trustee takes possession of all your property. You may claim certain of your property as exempt under governing law. The trustee then liquidates the property and uses the proceeds to pay your creditors according to priorities of the Bankruptcy Code.
3. The purpose of filing a chapter 7 case is to obtain a discharge of your existing debts. If, however, you are found to have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, your discharge may be denied by the court, and the purpose for which you filed the bankruptcy petition will be defeated.
4. Even if you receive a discharge, there are some debts that are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible for such debts as certain taxes and student loans, alimony and support payments, criminal restitution, and debts for death or personal injury caused by driving while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs.
5. Under certain circumstances you may keep property that you have purchased subject to valid security interest. Your attorney can explain the options that are available to you.

Chapter 13: Repayment of All or Part of the Debts of an Individual with Regular Income (\$155 filing fee plus \$39 administrative fee)

1. Chapter 13 is designed for individuals with regular income who are temporarily unable to pay their debts but would like to pay them in installments over a period of time. You are only eligible for chapter 13 if your debts do not exceed certain dollar amounts set forth in the Bankruptcy Code.
2. Under chapter 13 you must file a plan with the court to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, using your future earnings. Usually, the period allowed by the court to repay your debts is three years, but no more than five years. Your plan must be approved by the court before it can take effect.
3. Under chapter 13, unlike chapter 7, you may keep all your property, both exempt and non-exempt, as long as you continue to make payments under the plan.
4. After completion of payments under your plan, your debts are discharged except alimony and support payments, student loans, certain debts including criminal fines and restitution and debts for death or personal injury caused by driving while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs, and long term secured obligations.

Chapter 11: Reorganization (\$800 filing fee plus \$39 administrative fee)

Chapter 11 is designed for the reorganization of a business but is also available to consumer debtors. Its provisions are quite complicated, and any decision by an individual to file a Chapter 11 petition should be reviewed with an attorney.

Chapter 12: Family Farmer (\$200 filing fee plus \$39 administrative fee)

Chapter 12 is designed to permit family farmers to repay their debts over a period of time from future earnings and is in many ways similar to chapter 13. The eligibility requirements are restrictive, limiting its use to those whose income arises primarily from a family-owned farm.

I, the debtor, affirm that I have read this notice.

/s/ Francisco Soto

Debtor's Signature

/s/ Consuelo Soto

Joint Debtor's Signature

April 7, 2005

Date

Case Number

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois**

In re **Francisco Soto**
Consuelo Soto Debtor(s) Case No. _____
Chapter **13**

VERIFICATION OF CREDITOR MATRIX

Number of Creditors: **5**

The above-named Debtor(s) hereby verifies that the list of creditors is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge.

Date: **April 7, 2005** **/s/ Francisco Soto**
Francisco Soto
Signature of Debtor

Date: **April 7, 2005** **/s/ Consuelo Soto**
Consuelo Soto
Signature of Debtor

ABN-Amro Mortgage
c/o Shapiro & Kreisman
4201 Lake Cook Rd
Northbrook, IL 60062

Best Buy - HSBC
PO Box 6985
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Citibank
PO Box 6615
The Lakes, NV 88901-6615

Spiegel
FCNB Processing Center
9310 SW Gemini Drive
Beaverton, OR 97078-0001

United Mileage Plus First USA Bank

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

IN RE:) Chapter 13
Francisco Soto) Bankruptcy Case No.
Consuelo Soto)
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Debtor(s))

DECLARATION REGARDING ELECTRONIC FILING
Signed by Debtor(s) or Corporate Representative and Attorney

PART I - DECLARATION OF PETITIONER Date: April 8, 2005

A. To be completed in all cases.

I(We) Francisco Soto and Consuelo Soto, the undersigned debtor(s), corporate officer, partner, or member, **hereby declare under penalty of perjury** that the information I(we) have given my(our) attorney, including correct social security number(s) and the information provided in the electronically filed petition, statements, and schedules is true and correct. I(we) consent to my(our) attorney sending the petition, statements, schedules, and this DECLARATION to the United States Bankruptcy Court. I(we) understand that this DECLARATION must be filed with the Clerk in addition to the petition. I(we) understand that failure to file this DECLARATION will cause this case to be dismissed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 707(a) and 105.

B. To be checked and applicable only if the petitioner is an individual (or individuals) whose debts are primarily consumer debts and who has (or have) chosen to file under chapter 7.

☐ I(we) am(are) aware that I(we) may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of Title 11 United States Code; I(we) choose to proceed under chapter 7; and I(we) request relief in accordance with chapter 7.

C. To be checked and applicable only if the petition is a corporation, partnership, or limited liability entity.

☐ I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor. The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter specified in the petition.

Signature: _____
Francisco Soto
(Debtor or Corporate Officer, Partner or Member)

Signature _____
Consuelo Soto
(Joint Debtor)

PART II - DECLARATION OF ATTORNEY Date: April 8, 2005

I **declare under penalty of perjury** that I have reviewed the above debtor's(s') petition and that the information is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. The debtor(s) will have signed this form before I submit the petition, schedules, and statements. I will give the debtor(s) a copy of all forms and information to be filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court. If an individual, I further declare that I have informed the petitioner(s) that they may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of Title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter. This declaration is based on all information of which I have knowledge.

Signature of Attorney:

Typed or Printed Name of Attorney: Arnold Kaplan 6190143